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HIGH WIND WATCH/STORM WARNING

National Weather Service predicts that a major windstorm will hit this region tomorrow Saturday morning through Saturday evening. Winds are estimated to be between 40-70 MPH. Note that the soil in the region remains extremely saturated due to the recent heavy rainfall and this may present hazardous conditions such as falling trees and downed power lines. Since power crews must cut off power before roads crews can clear debris from roads, it is normal for delays both in energy and transportation routes.

You can prepare for this potential wind storm in advance by following the below recommendations. There is also more emergency preparedness information that can be found on our city website at http://www.medina-wa.gov/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={025C2FC2-2D5B-4C95-94D0-EFEF608BA723}

Home Emergency Preparedness Kit

As part of the City of Medina's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), the City encourages all residents to be prepared in the event of any disaster. One aspect of this preparedness is having emergency supplies available and being prepared to be on your own for a period of at least 72 hours.

Assemble the supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy to carry container such as a backpack or duffle bag. Think about your family's unique needs.

INCLUDE:

- A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months
- A first aid kit and prescription medicines
- An extra pair of glasses
- A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries
- Credit cards and cash
- An extra set of car keys
- A list of family physicians
- A list of important family information; the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers
- Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

- Keeping your power company's phone number next to your phone.
- Fully Charge your cell phones in advance in case power to your household phones become inoperable.
- Make sure all loose lawn furniture and garbage cans/receptacles are secured as the wind may blow them around.
- Ensuring your emergency home generators are topped off with fuel.
- Checking on your neighbors, especially if you know someone is elderly or has special needs.

The Medina Police Department will be adding extra staff over the weekend to meet any emerging situations. In addition, members of our Public Works Division are on call to respond if needed.

IF YOU HAVE AN **EMERGENCY**, please call 911.

For all other inquiries, please leave a voice message at our un-staffed weekend number 425-233-6420. We will periodically check for messages.